# IDAHO BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

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# **Board Meeting Minutes of 1/13/2012**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Osterman - Chair

Paul K. Link, Ph.D. Richard Reed

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** John Monks

James Spalding

BUREAU STAFF: Tana Cory, Bureau Chief

Dawn Hall, Administrative Support Manager

Lori Peel, Investigative Unit Manager Maurie Ellsworth, Legal Counsel Eric Nelson, Prosecuting Attorney

Debbie Sexton, Technical Records Specialist II

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM MST by Dale Osterman.

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the August 2, 2011 and August 22, 2011 minutes. Mr. Reed moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Dr. Link, motion carried.

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Cory presented the legislative update to the members of the Board.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Hall presented the financial report to members of the Board, which showed a cash balance of \$27,839.33 with revenues of \$19,585.00 and expenditures of \$20,620.05 as of 12/31/2011.

# **INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

Ms. Peel discussed the investigative report with members of the Board.

Ms. Peel discussed the complaint process with members of the Board.

# Collections

Ms. Peel discussed with the Board a request from the collection agency that handles past due disciplinary accounts. The collection agency asked if the Board would give the Bureau the authority to negotiate a settlement on any past due balances. Mr. Reed moved to grant the Bureau the authority to allow the collection agency to negotiate settlement of a collections case to a minimum amount, and any potential settlement less than that amount of the original debt would be brought to the Board for review. Seconded by Dr. Link, motion carried.

# **Disciplinary**

Mr. Nelson presented GEO-2012-1 to members of the Board. Mr. Reed moved to close GEO-2012-1 and send a warning letter. Seconded by Dr. Link, motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Newsletter

The Board discussed the annual newsletter. The Board requested the newsletter be online only and emailed to licensees to save costs. The Board requested newsletter articles be submitted by January 31, 2012.

#### **ASBOG**

The Board reviewed Mr. Monks report on the ASBOG (Association of State Boards of Geology) meeting. The first two days were spent at the Council of Examiners Workshop. Workshop attendees split into three groups to focus on the Professional Geologist exam, the Fundamentals of Geology exam, and a group that worked on new exam questions. Mr. Monks worked with the Professional Geologist exam group.

The Board reviewed Mr. Monks report regarding Canadian National Instrument 43-10. Canadian National Instrument 43-101 is a codified set of rules and guidelines for reporting and displaying information related to mineral properties owned by, or explored by, companies which report these results on stock exchanges within Canada. The Canadian Council of Professional Geoscientists decided that they would not accept registration or licensure in ASBOG States. The primary reason for this is that the Canadians have not received assurance from ASBOG States that the States can take disciplinary action against Professional Geologists who are practicing outside of the State they are registered or licensed in. ASBOG is continuing to work on this matter.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Dr. Link that the Board go into executive session under Idaho Code § 67-2345(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law. The purpose of the Executive Session was to consider license application materials. Seconded by Mr. Reed, motion carried. Individual vote for this motion was: Mr. Osterman, aye; Mr. Reed, aye; and Dr. Link; aye.

Dr. Link moved to enter into regular session. Seconded by Mr. Reed, motion carried. Individual vote for this motion was: Mr. Osterman, aye; Mr. Reed, aye; and Dr. Link; aye.

# **APPLICATIONS**

Dr. Link moved to approve Tyler Allen and Dustin Passey to sit for the FG (Fundamentals of Geology) examination based upon meeting the requirements. Seconded by Mr. Reed, motion carried.

Mr. Reed moved to table applicant 901119221 until further information has been received for the Board to review. Seconded by Dr. Link, motion carried.

Mr. Reed moved to approve Elizabeth Elias to sit for the FG (Fundamentals of Geology) and PG (Practice of Geology) examinations based upon meeting all the requirements. Seconded by Dr. Link, motion carried.

Dr. Link moved to approve Jeremiah Thomas to sit for the PG (Practice of Geology) examination based upon meeting the requirements. Seconded by Mr. Reed, motion carried.

Dr. Link moved to approve the following applicants for mutual recognition as a registered professional geologist in Idaho based upon meeting all the requirements. Seconded by Mr. Reed, motion carried.

Stephen Swope David B. Howard

Mr. Reed moved to approve Victor "Jim" Schneider for mutual recognition as a registered professional geologist in Idaho upon receipt of additional documentation sent directly to the Bureau of Occupational Licenses. Seconded by Dr. Link, motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Link moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. MST. Seconded by Mr. Reed, motion carried.

Dale Osterman, Chair	John Monks	
James Spalding	Paul K. Link, Ph.D.	
Tana Cory, Bureau Chief		